year, the cost of the earthwork being met therefrom. The taluk mestris may be required to prepare estimates of the works to be done to the tanks in their respective taluks, and the cost apportioned among the occupants of lands under the tanks according to the extent of their holdings, and recovered along with assessment. Individual notices should be issued demanding payment of the cost due from each raiyat, and the same recovered from defaulters under the provisions of the Land Revenue Code and the necessary repairs done to the tank. The minor tanks should be first brought to standard by the P. W. D. and then made over to the Revenue Department for their maintenance.

Maintenance of malnad tanks.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao of Chikmagalur Taluk.

(*c*) Government should undertake the earthwork of malnad tanks whose *atchkat* is between Rs. 100 and Rs. 300; and likewise of small irrigation works in the malnad.

Damage done to river channels.

Mr. Thirumale Srirangachar, Local Fund Board, Mysore Circle.

(*d*) Many serial tanks are often situated above the river channels, and the raiyats' neglect to repair the former often endangers such river channels. It is possible that during heavy rains these tanks might breach suddenly and empty themselves into the river channels with the ultimate result of breaching the latter. A recent case in point is the breaching of the Ramaswami nala some two months back, owing to the Halavara Kanniakanahalli tanks in the T.-Narsipur Taluk having breached.

Reply of Government.—The question of the repair of minor tanks is under consideration. The members are requested to carefully consider the question in all its bearings and to inform Government definitely what had best be done in the matter without undue hardship to raiyats and with due regard to the paramount necessity of preventing the deterioration of the tanks. As regards major tanks and other sources of irrigation, whatever is possible with the funds available is being done.

Subject No. 29.

Removal of silt by Government.

Mr. Srinivasamurthi of Gorur, Hassan Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The new rule is that the annual silt-clearing and earthwork to river channels other than those of the Kaveri and the Hemavati are to be done by the holders of land thereunder. Seeing that there is no distinction between such holders and those under bigger channels, orders may be issued that silt-clearing and earthwork to channels may be attended to by Government.

Reply of Government.—Government consider that it is not desirable to make any alteration in the present system.

Subject No. 30.

Payment for the annual removal of silt.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and D. Narasimhiah of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Public Works Department should be directed to give out annual silt-clearing work in the river channels on contract through the Amildars, and the work done by the raiyats should be measured by the P. W. D. and payment made for the same

through the Amildars. It is particularly requested that the contract may be thrown open to competition.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion seems a good one; but any change in the present system must be made gradually.

Subject No. 31.
Maintenance and supervision of river channels.

Messrs. Lingegowda of Mysore Taluk and A. Anniah Pandit of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Amildars should be empowered to estimate for and measure the annual maintenance work required to river channels, and also to have the sluices in such channels repaired during the cultivating season. At present raiyats do not get water till the officials of the Engineering Department come and take up the work.

Reply of Government.—The work devolves on the Public Works Department; but Amildars will be instructed to interest themselves in such matters.

Subject No. 32.
Engineering establishment to assist the Amildars.

Messrs. A. Anniah Pandit and D. Narasimiah of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Supervisors and other Public Works Department Officers at Taluk Head-quarters may be required to help the Taluk Amildars in preparing estimates of tanks and in taking measurements of works executed under the orders of the Amildars. The former do not render any such assistance now, Work Inspectors being employed to estimate works and give them out on contract.

Tank and Work Inspectors to be dispensed with.

(*b*) The services of the poorly paid Taluk Tank and Work Inspectors may be dispensed with. If this cannot be done, they may be placed under the Public Works Department Officers attached to the Taluk.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be enquired into; and if no difficulty should be found to exist, arrangements will be made to give Amildars departmental and professional aid whenever necessary.

Subject No. 33.
Guarantee for works turned out by contractors.

Messrs. A. Anniah Pandit and D. Narasimiah of Chamrajnagar Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—D. P. W. contractors may be made to give 3 or 5 years' guarantee for the works turned out by them. The case of the Ummattur Tank, which breached within a month of the completion of the work by the contractor, causing great loss to Government, is instanced in this connection. In former times a suitable guarantee was taken for works done through Amildars.

Reply of Government.—This seems to be an impracticable suggestion. It is for our Officers to see that work is properly done. The matter is, however, noted for consideration.

Subject No. 34.
Railway from Kadur to Chikmagalur.

Messrs. C. Srinivasa Row and C. Veerathegowda of Chikmagalur Taluk, and A. Shama Rao of the North Mysore Native Planters' Association.

Summary of discussion.—A railway line should be opened from Kadur to Chikmagalur and on to Mysore *via* Belur and Hassan, or *via* Aldur, Mudgere and Belur, on to Hassan. Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao in introducing this subject, went at length into the statistics of trade and other points bearing on the necessity for the proposed line, and also submitted a detailed memorandum embodying the said information.

Reply of Government.—The matter will receive careful consideration before a decision is arrived at.